

-- Mention may be made, by way of examples of (A), are those comprising ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide. –

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22, with the following new paragraph:

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- -- According to another form of the invention, (A) is a product having two epoxide functional groups, such as, for example, bisphenol A diglycidyl ether (BADGE). –
- Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25, with the following new paragraph Mention may be made, by way of examples of (B), are those comprising ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 11, with the following new paragraph:

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-- As regards (C) comprising an unsaturated carboxylic acid, mention may be made, by way of example, of the completely or partially hydrolysed (B). (C) is, for example, a copolymer of ethylene and of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and advantageously a copolymer of ethylene and of (meth)acrylic acid. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

- 20. A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:
- (A) an unsaturated epoxide or a compound different from said unsaturated epoxide and having 2 epoxide functional groups,
 - (B) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and
 - (C) an unsaturated carboxylic acid or an α,ω -aminocarboxylic acid.